

Regular Session, 2009

SENATE BILL NO. 168

BY SENATOR RISER

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

MOTOR VEHICLES. Requires all occupants of 13 years of age and older to wear a seat belt while in certain motor vehicles. (8/15/09)

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 32:295.1(B), relative to seat belts; to provide that all occupants who are thirteen years of age or older shall wear a seat belt in certain vehicles; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 32:295.1(B) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§295.1. Safety belt use; tags indicating exemption

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B. Except **as provided by R.S. 32:295 for children under the age of thirteen or** as otherwise provided by law, each ~~front seat~~ occupant of a passenger car, van, or truck having a gross weight of ten thousand pounds or less, commonly referred to as a pickup truck, in this state shall have a safety belt properly fastened about his or her body at all times when the vehicle is in forward motion, if a belt for his seating space has been provided by the manufacturer.

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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Mary Dozier O'Brien.

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DIGEST

Present law requires that all front seat occupants of a passenger car, van, or truck having a gross weight of 10,000 pounds or less, shall have a seat belt fastened when the vehicle is moving forward.

Present law provides special child passenger restraint systems for children under the age of thirteen.

Proposed law provides that all occupants of a passenger car, van, or truck having a gross weight of 10,000 pounds or less who are age 13 or older shall have a seat belt fastened when the vehicle is moving forward.

Effective August 15, 2009.

(Amends R.S. 32:295.1(B))